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Federal Communications Commission
Chairman Michael Powell
445 12th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I ask your support for the continued availability of the "WE-Platform."

My company, Access One, Inc., offers local telephone service in Illinois, Ohio and California. The company has achieved increasing success largely because it utilizes the combination of "unbundled network elements" – the UNE-Platform - to serve customers. It is absolutely critical that we have continued access to the UNE-Platform to remain competitive.

Unfortunately, the Regional Bell Operating Companies have launched a full-scale attack on the UNE-Platform, realizing it is a major threat to their continued market dominance. Their strategy is to impose certain restrictions on individual network elements that would destroy the competitive value of the UNE-Platform. If the RBOCs succeed, it will all but end any chance for consumers to enjoy the benefits of meaningful competition in local phone service.

Please oppose any effort at the Federal Communications Commission or at state agencies to limit the availability of the UNE-Platform. The UNE-Platform should be firmly and permanently established as a viable service option for competitive telecom carriers.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Amber Beres
Dedicated Service Support
Access One. Inc.